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Request for Continued Examination Submission

Sir:

This submission is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. This submission includes an Interview Summary, a Remarks section addressing points noted from the Interview Summary, and Rule 131 Declarations of Mr. Branigan and Mr. Cheswick, the inventors of the present case, establishing a reduction to practice of their invention prior to the priority date of Bahl et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,834,341 (Bahl).

Interview Summary

The Examiner and Mr. Gilberto Barron, the S.P.E. for this case, are thanked for the courtesy of a telephone interview concerning the above case on January 10, 2006. In this call, the Declarations submitted on November 20, 2005 and the subsequent Advisory Action mailed December 29, 2005 were discussed. In the call, several points were agreed on. First, the Declarations were submitted to establish a reduction to practice prior to the effective date of the reference and hence a showing of diligence is not required. Second, when swearing behind a reference, it is sufficient for the statements in the Declarations to precede the priority date of the reference without specifying a particular date. Third, the Advisory Action would be withdrawn by way of an Examiner Interview Summary.

Also during the call, several points were noted by the S.P.E. concerning the submitted Declaration of Eric H. Grosse. First, for a declaration not to be signed by all the inventors, a statement is required by the assignee that each of the inventors was unavailable in addition to proof indicating that the assignee has tried to contact the inventors. Second, a specific statement is needed by the declarant that he has read and understood the claims. Third, a statement of how the claimed invention differs from the claimed invention of Bahl et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,834,341 (Bahl) was newly requested. These three points are addressed in the Remarks below.